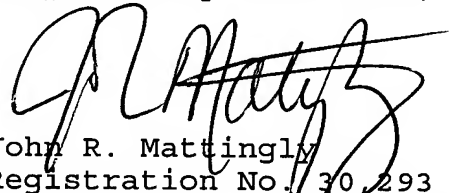


REMARKS

Claims 1-15 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 16-21 have been added. Accordingly, claims 16-21 are pending.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and examination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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